



## Iowa Wellness Plan Accountable Care Organization Partner Update

The Partner Update is a monthly communication designed to share pertinent and important information that is specific to Iowa Medicaid's Accountable Care Organizations.

### December 2014

**Dashboard Refreshed Tuesday November 25, 2014:** The Dashboard tool reflects claims paid through August 31, 2014.

**2014 and 2015 ACO Healthy Behavior Measure:** Over the last several weeks, the IME has evaluated the ACO Healthy Behavior measure and 2014 quality threshold. Based on the challenges of starting a new program and considering the tremendous effort and continual collaboration put forth by our ACO partners, the decision has been made to **not require any ACO to pay back incentive dollars paid out for the 2014 reporting year**. All ACOs will keep the monthly incentive payments that were received for the 2014 reporting year.

The IME has established a new ACO Healthy Behavior measure and threshold for the 2015 program. The new measure and threshold is based on the valuable feedback we have received from our ACO partners throughout 2014. An amended ACO Agreement will be coming soon.

**Incentive Payment Rate Changes:** Starting January 2015, the VIS Medical Home payment will change from \$4 PMPM to \$5 PMPM. Also, starting January 2015 the Patient Manager Management payment will move from \$4 PMPM to \$3 PMPM. This shift in payment is reflected in both the Patient Manager Wellness Plan agreement and the Iowa Medicaid ACO agreement.

**2015 VIS Program Updates:** The IME has listened to the feedback of our ACO partners during our first year and will be implementing the following changes in our program starting in 2015:

- **New! Absolute Scoring.** The IME is moving from a relative scoring methodology to an absolute scoring methodology. In order to align with the change Wellmark is making to their VIS program, the IME will score VIS performance based on the improvement of the Patient Manager to their baseline score. More detail will be released in the coming weeks with how this change impacts the VIS Medical Home Bonus for participating Wellness Plan providers.
- **Dashboard Hierarchy.** Data from the IME will be reorganized within the dashboard to better reflect patient panels at the NPI level. The reorganized data will also allow the IME to assign a group of Patient Managers at the Billing NPI or Tax ID level which will improve a user's access to all the providers within their organization.
- **VIS Measure Fine Tuning.** With the release of the 2015 program, minor updates to the CRG Grouper, (CRG Grouper v1.2), Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPR 31) and

VIS (v1.4) will be implemented. Please see the document library within the 3MTreo Dashboard for more detailed release notes.

- **2015 Baseline:** Due to the above mentioned updates to the VIS program in 2015, the IME anticipates a release of the 2015 baseline in early February 2015. As done last year, the IME will send a letter to each enrolled Wellness Plan Patient Manager that has established a baseline for the 2015 program. The IME will also compile a list at the ACO level.

**2014 First Quarter's VIS Incentive Payment:** The first VIS incentive payment to Iowa Wellness Plan Patient Managers was distributed on December 12, 2014. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) paid just over **\$84,000** to **198** participating Wellness Patient Managers, averaging a 42 percent award rate. First quarter payments are paid to the Tax ID of the enrolled Wellness Plan Patient Manager. Future VIS bonus distributions will be paid to the Tax ID of the ACO for all enrolled Wellness Plan Patient Managers participating in an ACO.

The IME will also compile and send an ACO report of Patient Managers and VIS Bonus Totals for the first quarter 2014 before the end of December.

**Clarification of Claim Submission for HRA:** The IME has released Information Letter 1448 regarding Clarification of Claim Submission for the Health Risk Assessment (HRA). The letter has been uploaded to IMPA and is available [here](#).

**Weekly Inpatient Notification Report:** In October, the Weekly ACO Inpatient Notification was developed as a tool to inform the ACO when a claim for an Iowa Wellness Plan member has been received regarding an inpatient stay. Please view last month's ACO Partner notification for more information or contact Marni Bussell at [mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us).

**Monthly Claims Sharing Process:** The process to share claims with ACO providers on a monthly basis kicked off in October. If your ACO is interested in receiving claims, please email Marni Bussell at [mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:mbussel@dhs.state.ia.us) to start the Claims Sharing Process.

#### **Important Links:**

**3M Treo Dashboard:** <https://www.treoservices.net/portal/login.aspx>

**Assess My Health HRA:** <https://www.assessmyhealth.com/>

**DHS Website:** <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>

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